

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: September 11, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION MADE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY COMMITTEE AT ITS MAY 22, 2024, MEETING TO ADJUST BEACH CLOSURE HOURS BY ONE HOUR TO 7:00 PM DURING SPRING BREAK, TO ACCOUNT FOR THE TIME CHANGE FROM STANDARD TIME TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends the Mayor and City Commission adopt the Resolution.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

On May 15, 2024, at the request of Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt, the Mayor and City Commission approved the referral of item C4 N to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (the "Committee") to discuss the adjustment of beach closure hours by one (1) hour during Spring Break to account for the time change from local standard time to daylight savings time (DST).

### **ANALYSIS**

On the second Sunday in March, clocks are set ahead by one hour at 2:00 am to daylight savings time (DST). The hour at which sunset is observed in the month of March is affected by this time change. In early March, when local standard time is observed, sunset generally takes place between 6:20 pm and 6:30 pm. In the latter part of March, during DST, the evenings last longer with sunset generally taking place between 7:25 pm and 7:40 pm.

Consistent with March 2024, it should be noted that March 2025 will include five (5) weekends. During Spring Break 2024, beach entrances on Ocean Drive were limited to 5, 10, and 12 streets and had security checkpoints to ensure prohibited items did not enter the beach. These entrances were also closed at 6:00 pm. While normal beach hours of operation are 5:00 am to 10:00 pm and not noticeably impacted by the time change, during high impact periods as we will experience in March 2025, visitors will be confronted with beach closures at earlier times during Spring Break.

On May 22, 2024, the Committee discussed the item and considered adjusting beach closure during Spring Break high impact weekends. The Committee members unanimously voted in favor to have this item heard by the full City Commission with a favorable recommendation of adjusting the beach closure hours by one (1) hour to 7:00 pm to account for DST. This would allow beachgoers to enjoy the beach for a longer period during the month of March.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?**

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**CONCLUSION**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Administration recommends the Mayor and City Commission approve the Resolution accepting the recommendation made of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee at its May 22, 2024, meeting to adjust beach closure hours by one hour to 7:00 pm after the implementation of DST during Spring Break.

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

Yes

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

**Department**

Facilities and Fleet Management

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Accept Recom, Extend Beach Closure Hours by One Hour During Spring Break. (Bhatt) FF